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AUSTRALIA.

Examination of rodents for plague infection at Brisbane.

The following information is taken from plague bulletins received from the Department of Public Health of Queensland:

Date of finding of last plague-infected rat, September 15, 1908.

Week ended January 9. Rodents destroyed, 689; examined, 512; plague rodents, 0. Week ended January 16. Rodents destroyed, 604; examined, 541; plague rodents, 0.

BARBADOS.

Report from Bridgetown—Status of yellow fever in the Island.

Consul Martin reports, February 11:

Since February 3 there have been 6 cases of yellow fever reported, 1 case in Bridgetown and the other cases in the outlying parishes of St. Joseph and St. Lucy. The case in Bridgetown was that of the senior resident surgeon at the Barbados general hospital. The disease seems now to be abating, and the general board of health is taking measures for better sanitation, care of patients, and destruction of mosquitoes. No Europeans or transient visitors have been attacked.

BRITISH GUIANA.

Report from Georgetown—Status of yellow fever at Paramaribo, Dutch Guiana.

Consul Clare reports, January 30:

The consular agent at Paramaribo, in a letter dated January 27, states that since the outbreak of yellow fever, December 18, there have been 32 cases, of which 8 terminated fatally and 24 recovered. No new cases have occurred since January 18.

CHINA.

Report from Canton—Sanitary conditions.

The following report, forwarded by Vice Consul-General Hull, under date of January 4, was received from the Department of State February 24:

Sanitary conditions of Canton, China.

There are no official statistics or records of facts relating to the sanitary conditions and mortality rate of Canton. The following statement, based on personal observation, includes the entire city proper, within and without the walls, Honam (south of the river), Fati, Fong Tsun, and the boat population.

With the exception of the diseases enumerated in the following table, the mortality due to ordinary causes is probably nearly double that of the large cities of Europe or America. It certainly is not as high as has often been estimated.